

of Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's South Patient Tower. The South Patient Tower is an eight-story, contemporary-styled facility that features 208 private, technologically integrated and enhanced patient care rooms, which provide ample space for the family and friends who we know are vital to the healing process. This patient-centered and technologically advanced addition highlights this hospital's dedication to administering a high-quality health care experience to members of our community.

Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital is an award-winning facility that has provided expert and compassionate care to the citizens of the Pontiac area for more than 85 years. In that time the hospital has chosen to focus its efforts on quality, patient safety and cost-efficiency. In doing so it has become nationally recognized for the high level of care that it provides and as a leader in Cardiology, Critical Care, Women's Health and Orthopedics. The South Patient Tower builds on that tradition, and illustrates Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's longstanding commitment to providing the best care possible to the community.

This South Patient Tower is the culmination of the Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's ongoing commitment to medical excellence. A major feature of the tower is the deployment of the most advanced integrated medical technology, which will transform the future of health care. The Intelligent Care System technology that this facility will employ creates the most technologically advanced health environment in the country. In doing so, hospital staff will be empowered to bring a new level of responsive, proactive, collaborative and innovative care to the patients that they serve.

Additionally, Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital has chosen to invest in efforts to enhance every aspect of a patient's health care experience through their Healing Arts program. By recognizing that the physical environment is an integral part of the hospital experience, Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital has taken efforts to create a calming atmosphere and restorative environment for patients through the integration of intentional art, architecture and esthetic.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly proud to celebrate and recognize the opening of Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital's South Patient Tower. This institution is dedicated to putting patient care at the forefront of its mission and efforts, and by choosing to invest in the future of health care Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital continues its commitment to being an exceptional place to come for healing of body, mind and spirit.

RECOGNIZING BRIDGESTONE  
AMERICAS WILSON, NORTH  
CAROLINA FACILITY ON THE OC-  
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**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bridgestone Americas, one of our nation's leading tire manufacturers, as it celebrates the 40th anniversary of its pas-

senger and light truck tire plant in my hometown of Wilson, North Carolina.

I have represented the Wilson plant for nearly ten years and am reminded each time I pass it on my way to Washington, DC the impact it has had on the City of Wilson and Wilson and Edgecombe Counties, and indeed the state of North Carolina.

For 40 years, the Wilson plant has built a reputation for producing superior, high quality products that help protect drivers, passengers, and pedestrians in my state of North Carolina, across the country, and throughout the world.

The Wilson plant produced its first tire on March 1, 1974. Since then, Bridgestone Americas' Wilson plant has grown to be Wilson County's second largest employer and has provided good paying, stable jobs for thousands of people that call eastern North Carolina home.

Bridgestone Americas' Wilson facility is massive, spanning some 500 acres with two and a half million square feet of workspace. In January 2014, the plant received the highly sought and prestigious "Zero Waste to Landfill" certification by Underwriter Laboratories.

Bridgestone Americas is committed to environmental sustainability so much so that the men and women who work at the Wilson plant developed the land surrounding the facility into the Freedom Wildlife Habitat and Refuge. The area was certified as a "Corporate Lands for Learning and Wildlife at Work" site by the U.S. Wildlife Habitat Council. I am particularly proud of the Wilson employees who contributed their time and resources to make our region a better place to live and work.

Without question, Bridgestone Americas and their facility in Wilson, North Carolina have contributed greatly to our state and national economies. The Wilson plant is an integral part of our community and a great corporate partner for our region.

I am so pleased to recognize Bridgestone Americas' 40th year of manufacturing passenger and light truck tires in their Wilson facility and look forward to sharing in many more of their achievements.

HONORING BESS ENLOE

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bess Enloe who was honored last night at the 2014 Southern Methodist University Meadows School of the Art's benefit gala located at the Meyerson Symphony Center. A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Ms. Enloe currently chairs the Executive Board of the SMU Meadows School for the Arts and is a Life Trustee of the Dallas Theater Center. She is currently the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the AT&T Performing Arts Center, where she co-chairs the Development Committee. Previously, she chaired the Facilities Committee for the Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre.

Ms. Enloe's contributions have enriched the Dallas-area's culture. The fine arts is a key component in improving learning throughout all academic areas. Evidence of its effectiveness in reducing student dropout, raising stu-

dent attendance, developing better team players, enhancing student creativity, and producing a more prepared student for the workplace. In Congress, I have always advocated for sustained investments in the arts and humanities.

Ms. Enloe has been an energetic leader and supporter of many of Dallas' arts groups throughout the years and deserves to be commended for her contributions to the community. Over the years Ms. Enloe has been the recipient of several prestigious awards in recognition of her work, including the TACA Silver Cup Award in 1993, the TITAS Award for Excellence in 2007 and the Dallas Historical Society's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 2009. Mr. Speaker, our country is a better one because we have a Bess Enloe.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBBI  
O'DONOHUE FOR HER THIRTY  
YEARS OF SUCCESS AND SERV-  
ICE

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding small business headquartered in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, which I have the honor and privilege of serving. Awards & T-Shirts Specialists, Inc. is celebrating thirty years of successful business. Their founder and owner, Debbi O'Donohue, is the driving force behind this nationally recognized company.

As elected leaders, it is important for us to salute successful businesses such as Awards & T-Shirts Specialists, Inc. The entrepreneurial spirit of Debbi and her company is truly what makes our country great.

Their founder and owner, Debbi O'Donohue, started Awards & T-Shirts on March 3, 1984 as a trophy business in her parents' basement. It rapidly expanded three months later to offer screen-printed apparel and custom-made awards. Today, this company is the premier provider of American-made and union-decorated promotional products in the United States, having customers in all fifty states and Canada.

Debbi was a trailblazer in 1986 when Awards & T-Shirts Specialists signed their first union contract. She became the first female owned and operated contractor in the Greater Kansas City Building and Construction Trades Council. Specializing in serving the unions' niche and related companies and organizations, Awards & T-Shirts has continued to expand and enhance its high-quality American and union made products, outstanding service, and creative image designs over the past thirty years.

Awards & T-Shirts' impressive record of delivering proven results has elevated their company to become a national leader in the promotional marketing industry that is highly sought after for conferences, special events, golf tournaments, and workforce motivational programs.

The amazing thirty years of success of Awards & T-Shirts Specialists can be directly attributed to Debbi and her boundless energy and captivating personality. She leads by example, inspiring dedication and determination in her staff.